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AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements for a beginning position in a police department in certain municipalities under municipal civil service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 143.105, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 143.105. ELIGIBILITY FOR BEGINNING POSITION IN POLICE DEPARTMENT. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements prescribed by Section 143.023, to be certified as eligible for a beginning position with a police department, a person must ~~+~~

~~(1)~~ be at least 21 years of age at the end of the probationary period and have: ~~+~~

(1) ~~(2) have~~ served in the United States armed forces and received an honorable discharge; ~~or~~

(2) ~~(3) have~~ earned at least 60 hours' credit in any area of study at an accredited college or university; or

(3) been employed full-time for at least five years as a peace officer licensed by:

(A) the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; or

(B) an acceptable licensing entity in another state that has law enforcement officer licensing requirements substantially equivalent to those of Chapter 1701, Occupations

1 Code.

2           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
3 to a certification of eligibility for a beginning position in a  
4 police department that occurs on or after the effective date of this  
5 Act.

6           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.